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CORRECT, SIR. I'M SPECIAL AGENT ISAAC ABRAMS AND THIS IS SPECIAL AGENT NINA RODRIGUEZ.
YOU'RE THE FBI PEOPLE WHO RADIOED IN?
WE NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP.

YEAH, I KNOW, THE CAP'N'S EXPECTING YOU. THIS WAY.
ALRIGHT. THEY'RE IN. GO.
GONE.

THE FBI? NO KIDDING.
I'M TELLIN' YOU. WITH THE CAP'N RIGHT NOW
LEVEL
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MAINTEN
THE HELL WOULD THEY FLY OUT HERE FOR, MAN?
FEDS. WHO KNOWS? MAYBE THEY GOT AN ROLE OPEN ON THE CAP?
HEH, HEH...
CARGO HOL
STORAGE ROOMS A - D STORAGE
I'M IN THE CARGO HOLD.TALK TO ME.
ACCORDING TO THE CARGO MANIFEST IT'LL BE THE THIRD DOOR ON YOUR RIGHT. STORAGE-C...
...ONE WITH AN ELECTRONIC LOCK ON IT.
STORAGE ROOM-C... ALRIGHT, I SEE IT.
ALSO, IS APPARENTLY MOST LIKELY LOCKED AND SECURED. CODE AND KEY-CARD ARE...
THAT IS NOT A PROBLEM.
TAK-TAK
TAK-TAK
TAK-TAK
TAK-BEEP!
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I'M IN.
WELL, THAT WAS FAST. CAN YOU SEE IT?
NOT YET. I'M LOOKING.
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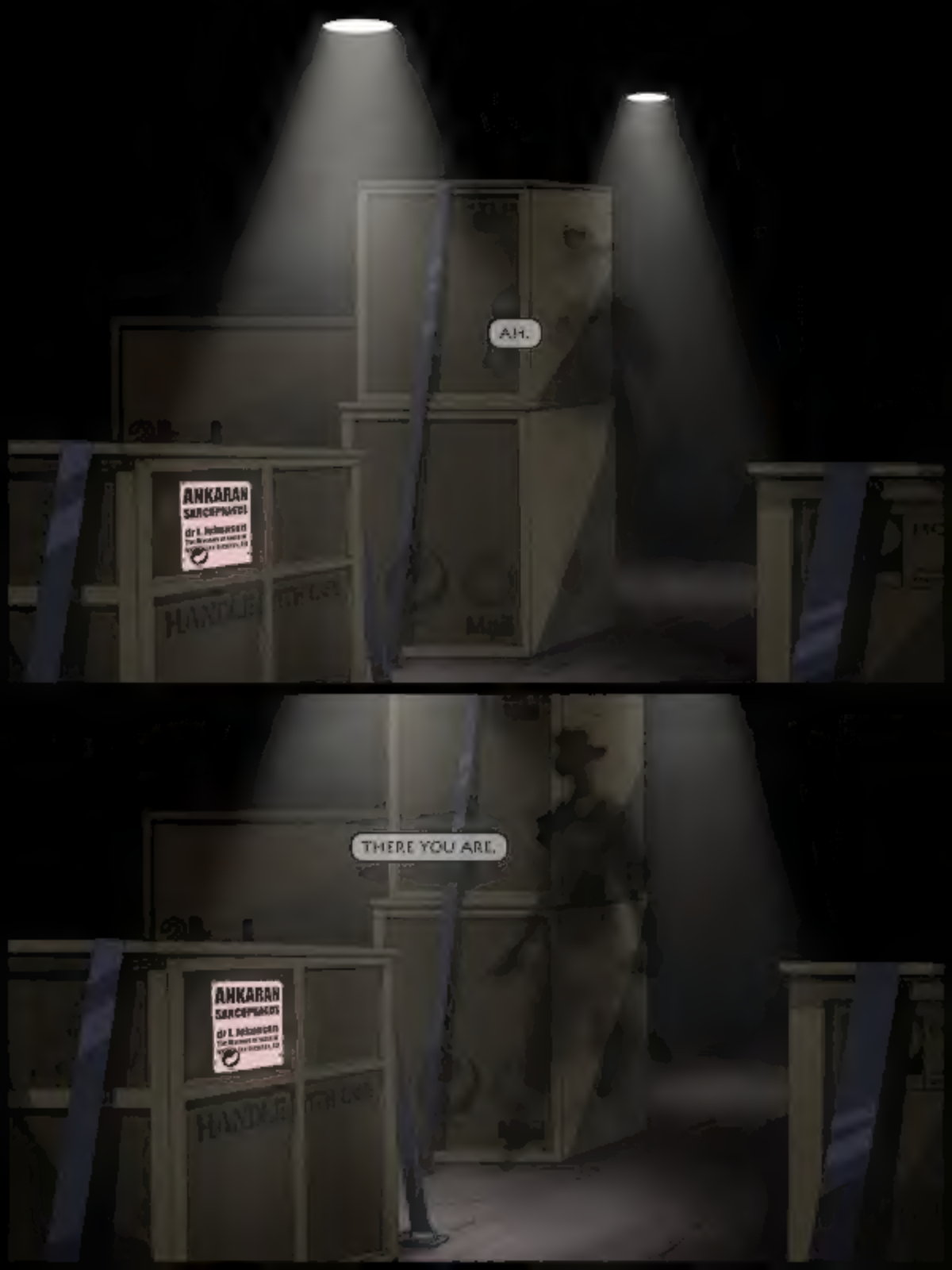
SARCOPHAGUS


AH.
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THERE YOU ARE.
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SARCEPHAGI
dr L Johansen

EVENING, MOTHERFUCKER.
LANGUAGE.
RIGHT... ANYWAY, FOUND IT.
ANKARAN SARCOPHAGUS
WE'RE STILL ON SCHEDULE, CORRECT?
YEAH, NOW PASSING THE TWENTY MILE LINE. T - MINUS THIRTY MINUTES AND COUNTING.
THE CAPTAIN WILL CUT THE SPEED DOWN A FEW KNOTS AS LONG AS WE'RE ONBOARD BUT THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN DO WITHOUT THE CREW BECOMING SUSPICIOUS AND ASKING QUESTIONS.
SO, WHAT WILL THAT GIVE US?
ANOTHER FIFTEEN-TWENTY MINUTES.
WELL, THAT'S PLENTY. NOW SHUTDUP EVERYBODY AND LET ME GET TO WORK.

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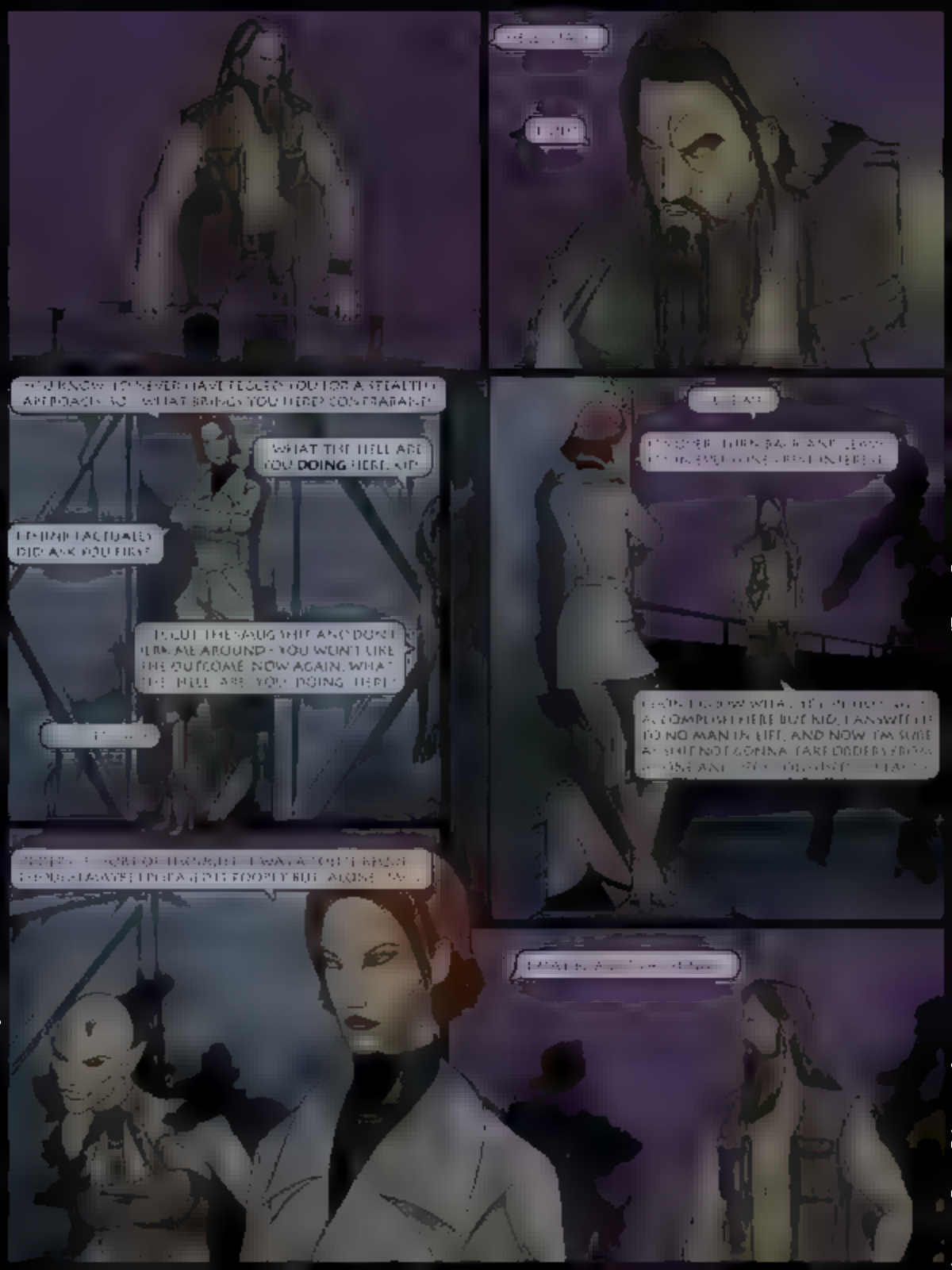
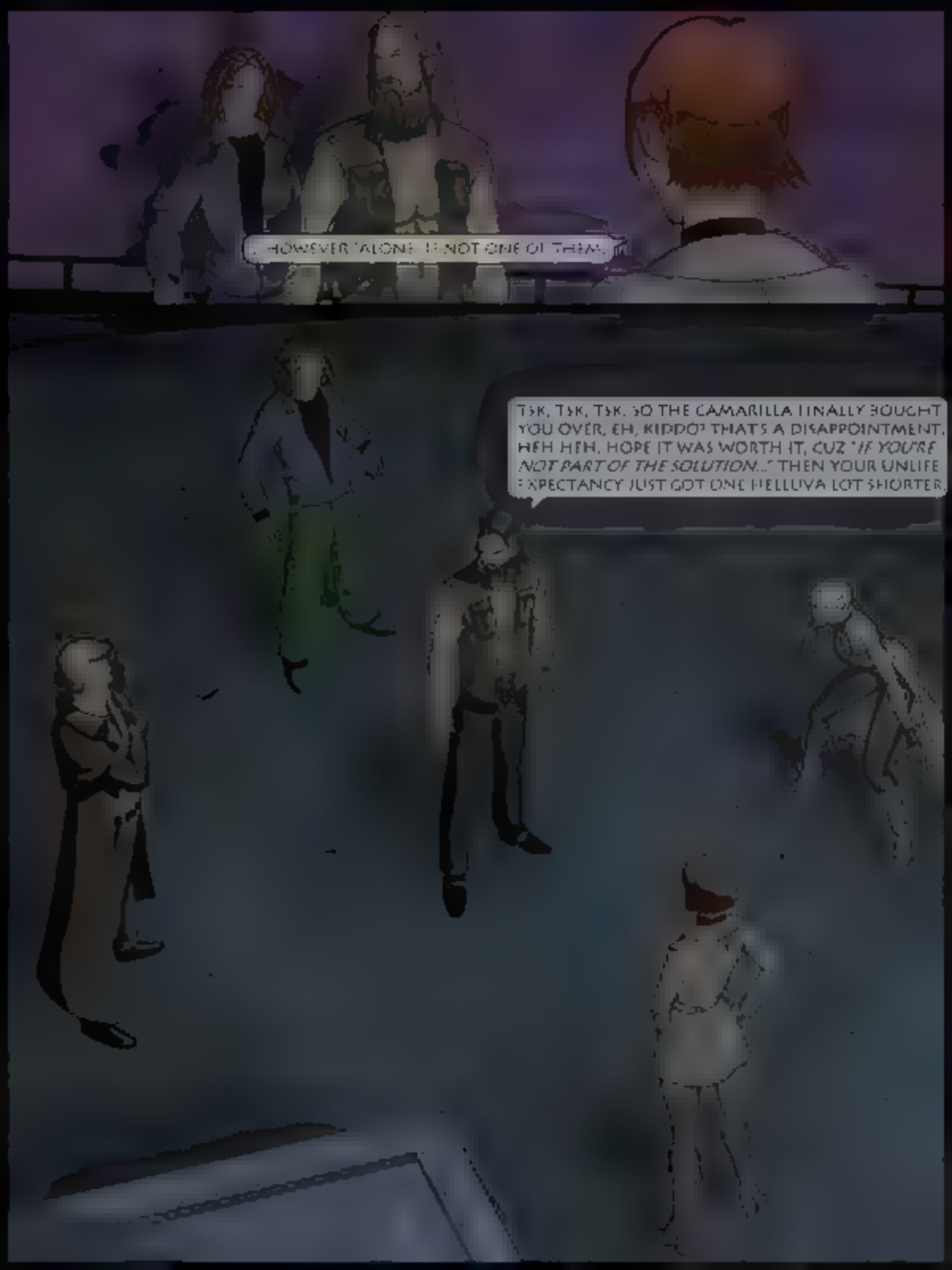

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE, KID?
I THINK I ACTUALLY DID ASK YOU FIRST.
I'LL CUT THE BULLSHIT AND DON'T TURN ME AROUND - YOU WON'T LIKE THE OUTCOME. NOW AGAIN, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?


...HOWEVER ALONE IS NOT ONE OF THEM.
TSK, TSK, TSK. SO THE CAMARILLA FINALLY BOUGHT YOU OVER, EH, KIDDO? THAT'S A DISAPPOINTMENT. HEH HEH. HOPE IT WAS WORTH IT, CUZ "*IF YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION...*" THEN YOUR UNLIFE EXPECTANCY JUST GOT ONE HELLUVA LOT SHORTER.

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES
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THE "EMPIRE ARMS" HOTEL
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AHEM. JEZEBEL LOCKE, I PRESUME?...
...OH YEAH...BUT WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
...ARE YOU A BELIEVER, LITTLE MORSEL...? HAVE YOU COME HERE FOR THE KIND OF ENLIGHTENMENT ONLY JEZEBEL CAN GIVE?
TO WEAR THE DARK MANTLE YOU PASSED ON TO THE NEXT WOMEN?
WHAT WE CAME FOR, IS ANSWERS. BUT THIS HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH. NO SOLUTION OTHER THAN FINAL DEATH

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NO. ACTUALLY, WE ARE NOT HERE ON BEHALF OF ANY... GROUP. THIS GOES BEYOND THE CAMARILLA, OR THE ANARCHS, OR THE SABBAT. FOR THAT MATTER, IT'S IN THE ENTIRE CITY'S INTEREST.
APPROX. 11 MILES FROM THE SHORE OF SANTA MONICA
AHH. YES - THE PATENTED VENTRUE "PRO BONO PUBLICO" BULLSHIT. "ENTIRE CITY'S INTEREST" - GOOD LINE. ALWAYS SO CONCERNED WITH EVERYONE'S WELL BEING. HEHEHEH. WELL, GODDAMMIT IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT ME CONVINCED.
APPROX. 11 MILES FROM THE SHORE OF SANTA MONICA
THE ELIZABETH DANE
BUT SERIOUSLY NOW, COMING HERE AND GETTING SLAUGHTERED WAS NOT YOUR ENTIRE PLAN, WAS IT?
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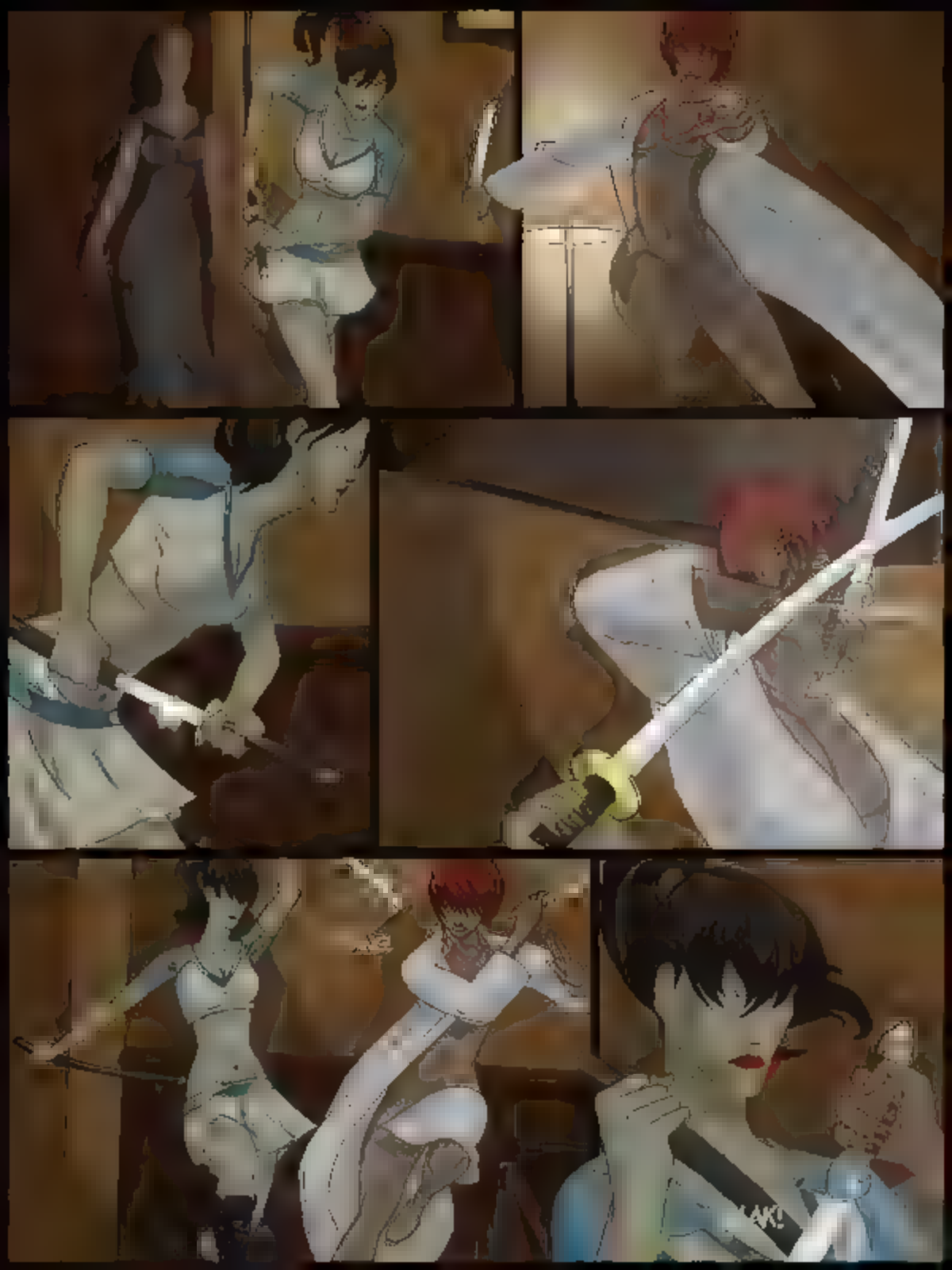
03:08 AM

BUT KEEPING YOU FROM GETTING YOURSELF KILLED HERE TONIGHT IS A FAIRLY MAJOR BULLET POINT IS IT?
ME WHAT? ATTAHAH. THIS IS PRICELESS. YOU KNOW, I'M HALF TEMPTED TO JUST LET YOU WALK. CAN'T THINK OF A SCENARIO IN WHICH I DON'T HAVE TO DUST YOU FOR BEING HERE, BUT, MAN, AT LEAST YOU HAVE A GRAND OPINION OF YOUR CHANCES
OH, THAT WASN'T MEANT AS A THREAT. HOWEVER, AN EXPLOSION OF THIS MAGNITUDE, AS I IMAGINE WOULD PRESENT SOME DANGER TO ANY KINDRED
WHAT
THIS
TEEEE

PTHOOOOOM!

OH, COME ON NOW DONT DENY YOURSELF THE PLEASURE OF JEZEBEL'S TALENTS..
YOU WEAR THE NINE RINGS...
COME! DESIRE WILL BE OUR TRUTH.
YES... I FOLLOW THE PATH OF THE NINTH CIRCLE! COME AND JOIN THE ENLIGHTENED, INDULGING YOUR ANIMAL INSTINCTS, UNTIL BOTH KINE AND KINDRED LIE, SPENT UPON THE ALTAR
FFFAP!
AP!
AND THE DEATH THAT FOLLOWS

LET US DANCE, DARK QUEEN.
HSSSSSSSSS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CLEVER, LITTLE ONE
WHAT DROVE THE WICKED QUEEN TO THE STREETWOMEN'S SCENE?
...AH, WHO BETTER THAN PROSTITUTES TO CARRY THE DARK GIFT I BRING? WILL THEY NOT SHARE IT, WITH THE REST OF THOSE WHO REVEL IN PLEASURES OF THE FLESH?
BUT WHY, LOCKE? WHAT IS ALL OF THIS SUPPOSED TO ACCOMPLISH?
OHH NO, NO, NO, MY DEAR DEAD THING ENLIGHTENMENT CAN'T BE SIMPLY GIVEN

IT MUST BE ACHIEVED
...THAT THE DOORS HAVE BEEN OPENED
...AND SEE FOR YOURSELF
THUD
BUT DON'T WORRY LITTLE MORSEL YOU WILL SEE
I BELIEVE WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH.
...AS I'LL SEND YOU FORTH, FULL OF THE SWEET SICKNESS I CARRY
DANTE DANTE, DOOM AND DEVILS...? HAHAHA... KNOW YOU NOT OF WHAT YOU SPEAK. THIS QUEEN'S A BISHOP'S PAWN.

THE ELIZABETH DANE

TERRORISTS, QUITE INGENIOUSLY USING THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED SARCOPHAGUS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEAL A CRUSHING BLOW TO THE INTERNATIONAL ARCHEOLOGICAL CIRCLES

THE FBI, EVER VIGILANT, SENT TWO AGENTS TO INTERCEPT THE CARGO BEFORE IT REACHED LOS ANGELES... THE BOMB HOWEVER, DETONATED EARLY ONLY DAMAGING THE SHIP

AND YES... A DECADE AGO, THIS STORY WOULDN'T HAVE CONVINCED **ANYONE**. BUT THIS DAY IN AGE? THE MEDIA WILL BE ALL OVER IT IN A MATTER OF HOURS.

SO FAR THE OFFICIAL VERSION FOR THE KINE. OUR BUSINESS HERE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, DOES IN FACT HELP TO KEEP YOUR PEOPLE'S 'MOVEMENT' ALIVE

THERE WOULD ONLY BE ONE CONSTANT THING AT THE END OF THIS ROAD, JACK, AND THAT'S NINES' DEATH AND THE END OF THE ANARCHS, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

WHATEVER YOU THINK OF LACROIX, HE WOULDN'T GO DOWN ALONE. NOT WITH XIAO ON HIS SIDE. DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT, HAVE YOUR NEW 'ASSOCIATE' CONFIRM IT. HE LAID THIS PLAN BEFORE YOU. HAS HE NOT? WHAT **DIDN'T** HE SAY?

INTERESTING FACT? THERE WERE ACTUALLY TWO CHARGES - ONE IN THE SARCOPHAGUS, AND THE OTHER, WELL - AROUND WHERE WE'RE STANDING RIGHT NOW...

SO HERE'S THE DEAL, JACK. WE CAN ALL LEAVE AND GO OUR SEPARATE WAYS WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING RASH, OR THERE CAN BE A DOUBLE FEATURE ON TONIGHT'S NEWS.

YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS HERE, KID?
[illegible] SURE. WE'LL GO ALL THE WAY.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE IN A GOOD POSITION TO FIND OUT JUST HOW FAR THAT'LL BE.
GOOD! BALLSY AND DECISIVE. I LIKE THAT ABOUT YOU KIDS. READY TO GO DOWN WITH THE SHIP, EVEN IF THE SHORE IS JUST TEN FEET AWAY. NOT BIG ON SELF PRESERVATION, BUT SHIT, WE'RE ALL DEAD HERE, EH?
MAYBE A LITTLE TOO LAZY TO DISTRACT. THOUGH I THINK YOU MAY HAVE DROPPED SOMETHING.
SOMEONE SAID: "IF YOU'RE GOING TO PLAY JIHAD, YOU NEED TO DO YOUR HOMEWORK, BOSS". THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOMEONE FASTER, NO MATTER HOW FAST YOU BECOME, KIDDO - THAT'S JUST HOW IT'S PLAYED.
HERE'S THE PLOT TWIST, THOUGH.
CATCH.
...I BELIEVE YOU.

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
I COUNT FIVE. DOWN TO THE PROVERBIAL LAST ROUND, MY SWEET. LET ME SHARE WITH YOU THE FOCUS OUR ENLIGHTENMENT BRINGS.
BLAM
BLAM
PASS.
AH. BUT YOU CANNOT LIVE WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED...
PATIENCE
BLAM!
THUP!

DESTRUCTION? OH, BUT AREN'T WE ALL SPIRALING TOWARDS THE END, LITTLE MORSEL? THE GATES TO THE NINTH CIRCLE ARE OPEN, AND YES, I WILL PASS THROUGH THEM AS WELL.

YOU HAD TO KNOW THIS WAS A PATH TO DESTRUCTION, LOCKE...

BUT...

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SWOOP

NOT WHILE I STILL HAVE **SO MANY** TRUE **BELIEVERS** TO ATTEND TO...

BUT WE'LL REUNITE SWEET AND SOON, I PROMISE.
CRRRASHHH!
NOW THAT... WAS INSANE...
...WE FOLLOW, RIGHT?

CATCH. I BELIEVE YOU.
YOU DO. JUST LIKE THAT?
THWAP!
HEH. MOUTHS AND GIFTHORSES, KID. OR WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO RETHINK THAT? I BELIEVE **YOU** BELIEVE THIS. AND THAT'S ...ENOUGH FOR THE MOMENT, ALRIGHT?
COULD'VE SPARED ME THE TRIP, BUT, AH HELL, YOU DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO, RIGHT? GOOD LUCK, KIDS. CHANCES ARE YOU GONNA NEED IT. HEH. OH... AND IF WE MEET LIKE THIS AGAIN... WELL, MAKE DAMN CERTAIN WE **DONT** MEET LIKE THIS AGAIN.
WROOOO

NO. WE DON'T. SHE'S OUT OF OUR REACH FOR NOW.
BECAUSE... SHE WILL BLEND IN WITH ALL THE OTHER NAKED, BLOOD-COVERED PEOPLE, OUT ON THE STREETS AT NIGHT...?
SPEED. THE ONLY EFFECTIVE WAY OF CONFRONTING HER IS WITHIN A CONFINED SPACE. NOT OUT THERE.
WE FOUND HER ONCE, WE'LL FIND HER AGAIN, ESPECIALLY SEEING AS...
...AMBULANCE?
UHHH... CAN YOU... ARE WE AT SEA? I HEAR A SIREN'S SONG.
NO, DEAR, I CAN HEAR IT AS WELL. IT'S THE AMBULANCE.
...
...
WE CALLED AN AMBULANCE FOR THE KINE EARLIER, REMEMBER? NOW WE NEED TO LEAVE BEFORE THEY GET HERE. SO WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO ZONT OUT.
YES, AMBULANCE. AND IF THEY MOVE FAST ENOUGH, THEY MIGHT ACTUALLY MANAGE TO HELP HER, ALTHOUGH IF LOCKE INFECTED HER WITH WHATEVER IT IS SHE'S CARRYING, IT PROBABLY WON'T MATTER. BACK WITH ME? LET'S MOVE THEN. AND FINDING LOCKE AGAIN WILL BE FAR LESS COMPLICATED, SINCE SHE'S LEFT US HER CALLING CARD.
WE WILL FINISH THIS. BUT FOR TONIGHT...

...WE'RE DONE HERE.
RIGHT, SO LET'S NOT BE HERE WHEN THE **REAL** AUTHORITIES SHOW UP.
HASN'T THE CREW SEEN TOO MUCH?
YES. GOOD POINT. NO LOOSE ENDS.
...WE CAN HARDLY MAKE EACH AND EVERYONE OF THEM FORGET, CAN WE?
WELL, NO, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO. LET'S JUST HAVE A "WORD" WITH THE CAPTAIN. IF THE CREWMEN'S STORIES DON'T MATCH LATER ON - IT'S JUST AS WELL, REALLY.
MAKES SENSE. WORK FAST THOUGH. THEY PROBABLY CALLED THE COAST GUARD, OR SOMETHING, BY NOW.
MOST LIKELY. MEET YOU BY THE CHOPPER IN FIVE. DON'T BE SEEN.
RIGHT...
BECAUSE YOU REALLY NEED TO REMIND ME.
HEH. SO, THIS WAS EASY.
YEAH. BUT IN FAIRNESS...
...THIS **WAS** THE EASY PART. IT'S THE NEXT ONE THAT'S GOING TO BE COMPLICATED.
THE END